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DEQ to provide forum for citizen's concerns

BATON ROUGE – The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality will have an Environmental Justice Listening Session, Tues. Feb. 13, from 8a.m. until 3:15 p.m. The session will be held at the DEQ Conference Center, 602. N. 5th Street in the Oliver Pollock Room. Citizens will also be able to participate at the DEQ regional offices in Lake Charles, Monroe and Shreveport by video conferencing.

Environmental Justice is a program geared to addressing inequities in environmental burdens, such as pollution or facilities that may unfairly affect neighborhoods. Participation in decision making and in idea swapping are important components of environmental justice. These meetings are an attempt to increase dialogue between the department and those interested in environmental justice.

The DEQ Environmental Justice Listening Session will be conducted with communities and in partnership with federal, state, local and tribal government representatives. The purpose of the sessions is to hear from the citizens about specific environmental issues and concerns. Individuals and organizations will be given the opportunity to comment on environmental justice issues and offer their recommendations for solutions. The public is invited to attend either in person or by video conference. There is no charge but registration is required. For more information please contact Dr. Kimberly Gallo at 225-219-0877 or you can register on line at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/2601/Default.aspx>.

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